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FOLLOWING MESSAGE SENT FROM AMCONSUL BIEN HOA APR 10, 1974.

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SUBJ: MR 3 SPECIAL DAILY SITREP - APRIL 10, 1974

1. IN MR 3 MILITARY INCIDENTS FOR 24 HOUR PERIOD ENDING 0800
APRIL 10 WERE 49, SAME NUMBER AS IN PREVIOUS 24-HOUR PERIOD.
ENEMY PRESSURE CONTINUED IN DUC HUE AND TRANG BANG DISTRICTS OF
HAU NGHIA AND AT TONLE CHAM RANGER BASE IN BINH LONG. ACTIVITY
WAS OTHERWISE AT A SUBSTANTIAL LEVEL NW OF LAI KHE IN BINH
DUONG AND IN XUAN LOC DISTRICT OF LONG KHANH.

2. ON APRIL 9 THERE WERE 9 GROUND CONTACTS, 24 ABF'S (5 MAJOR)
AND ONE COMBINED ABF AND GROUND ATTACK. GVN CASUALTIES WERE 17
KIA, 85 WIA, 24 MIA. COMMUNIST LOSSES WERE 18 KIA AND 1 CIA.

3. IN THE DAY'S LARGEST CONTACT 4 KMS NW OF DUC HUE, IN WHICH
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BOTH THE 36TH AND 64TH RANGER BNS WERE ENGAGED BY AN UNKNOWN

SIZE ENEMY FORCE, THE FRIENDLY UNITS LOST 1 KIA, 32 WIA AND 24 MIA AGAINST UNKNOWN COMMUNIST LOSSES. ANOTHER CONTACT 5 KMS NE OF TRANG BANG RESULTED IN CASUALTIES TO THE 327TH RF BN OF 3 KIA AND 4 WIA. COMMUNIST GUNNERS FIRED THREE MAJOR ABF'S (203 ROUNDS) AGAINST TONLE CHAM RANGER BASE WITH ONLY 2 FRIENDLY WIA. TWO SAPPERS WERE KILLED AS THEY ATTEMPTED TO CUT THROUGH PERIMETER DEFENSES AT TONLE CHAM.

4. A MAJOR ABF HIT THE 2ND BN, 50TH REGIMENT, ARVN 25TH DIV 5 KMS SW OF HIEU THIEN, TAY NINH, RESULTING IN FRIENDLY CASUALTIES OF 2 KIA AND 4 WIA. A TERRORIST INCIDENT 10 KMS NW OF BEN CAT TOOK THE LIVES OF 3 POLICEMEN AND 2 CIVILIANS WHEN NVA/VC FIRED AN M-16 INTO A COFFEE SHOP.

5. ACCORDING TO A RALLIER, THE ENTIRE 5TH NVA DIV IS LOCATED IN THE PARROT'S BEAK/DUC HUE AREA WITH THE 174TH REGIMENT NEAR BA THU (XT 270035). RALLIER ALSO STATES THE 275TH REGT FORWARD CP AND THE D-1, D-2 AND D-3 BNS ARE LOCATED IN DUC HUE BETWEEN THE RANGER BASE AND THE VAM CO DONG RIVER AT XT 370085. MR 3 G-2 NOW BELIEVES ARTILLERY USED AGAINST DUC HUE IS THE 75TH BN, 42ND REGT, 75TH ARTY GROUP (AKA 69TH ARTY DIV) AND IS LOCATED AT XT 220110 AT THE JUNCTION OF THE ANGEL'S WING AND PARROT'S BEAK IN CAMBODIA. THE REMAINDER OF THE 42ND REGT IS BELIEVED TO BE AT XT 5563 IN BINH DUONG WEST OF MINH THANH. G-2 ALSO HAS REASON TO BELIEVE THE NVA 24TH ARTY REGT HAS MOVED FROM KATUM TO AN AREA MIDWAY BETWEEN FRENCH FORT AND BLACK VIRGIN MOUNTAIN ON TL 4 IN TAY NINH. THE 165TH REGT, 7TH NVA DIV REPORTEDLY MOVED INTO THE 141ST REGT'S AO NEAR THE BINH DUONG/ PHUOC LONG BORDER AND CONSTITUTES A MENACE TO THE PHU GIAO AREA. PETERS UNQUOTE
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